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by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION ____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section ____. (a) No period of residence in this state shall be required as a condition for eligibility for medical assistance under this chapter, but an individual who does not reside in this state shall not be eligible.

- (b) The bureau of Tenncare shall adopt rules for determining whether an applicant is a resident of this state subject to the requirements of federal law. The rules shall require that state residency is not established unless the applicant does both of the following.
 - (1) The applicant produces one (1) of the following:
 - (A) A recent Tennessee rent or mortgage receipt or utility bill in the applicant's name.
 - (B) A current Tennessee motor vehicle driver's license or identification card issued by the Tennessee department of safety in the applicant's name.
 - (C) A current Tennessee motor vehicle registration in the applicant's name.
 - (D) A document showing that the applicant is employed in this state.

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- (E) A document showing that the applicant has registered with a public or private employment service in this state.
- (F) Evidence that the applicant has enrolled his or her children in a school in this state.
- (G) Evidence that the applicant is receiving public assistance in this state.
 - (H) Evidence of registration to vote in this state.
- (2) The applicant declares, under penalty of perjury, that all of the following apply:
 - (A) The applicant does not own or lease a principal residence outside of this state.
 - (B) The applicant is not receiving public assistance outside of this state. As used in this subdivision, "public assistance" does not include unemployment insurance benefits.
- (c) A denial of determination of residency may be appealed in the same manner as any other denial of eligibility. A determination of residency shall not be granted unless a preponderance of the credible evidence supports the applicant's intent to remain indefinitely in this state.